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SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" From the reply of the Hon. Minister, it is clear that the President and the Secretary of the Society are proceeded against before the Criminal Court for misappropriation. Every year audit takes place. During what period did this fabrication of accounts and making of advances to deceased persons take place? May I also know whether it was found out during the previous periodical audits? Is there any information about this because the share capital cannot exceed Rs. 5,000 or Rs. 6,000? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" In view of the fact that this matter is before the Court, may I suggest that we should not prejudice the case by questions or answers which may affect fair trial? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" I am also of the same view."

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have nothing more to add to what I have already said."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Since defalcations in societies are widespread and on a large scale, will the Government consider the desirability of instituting at least an official inquiry in the near future and submitting a report to the House? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Is the hon. Member making a general observation or has he any particular case in view? If it is a general observation, whenever cases of misappropriation are brought to the notice of the Government, we ask the Registrar to investigate into the matter and if there is any truth, we hand over the case to the Police. I do not know how a committee can help in the solution of human foibles."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" இப்பொழுது குறிப்பிட்ட சொசைட்டியில்கூட நீண்ட காலமாக கையாடல் நடந்து வந்திருக்கிறது."

MR. SPEAKER :—" இது sub-judice ஆக இருப்பதால் அதைப்பற்றி அதிகமாகப் பேசக்கூடாது. இவ்விதம் நடந்ததற்கு அங்குள்ள அதிகாரிகள் சரியானபடி தணிக்கை செய்யாததுதான் காரணமா? அப்படி இருந்தால் அது சம்பந்தப்பட்ட அதிகாரிகள் யார் என்று கண்டு பிடித்து அவர் மேல் நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பதற்கு முயற்சி எடுக்கப்பட்டதா? "

Implementation of the award of the Labour Appellate Tribunal by the Artisan Press, Madras.

* 492 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state why the Government did not take steps to get the award of the Labour Appellate Tribunal, dated 25th May 1953, implemented by the Artisan Press, Madras, regarding bonus, allowance, gratuity, etc., to be given to the workers of the said press?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The question of prosecuting the Press for non-implementation of the Award is under consideration of the Government."

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SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" From the question, it is clear that the award was given on the 25th May 1953. Very nearly ten months have elapsed since that date and yet, we are surprised to hear from the Hon. Minister that the question of prosecuting the particular Press is under the consideration of the Government. Will the Government give us an assurance that they will not take another twelve months to consider this matter? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, there are factors which prevent the Government from taking any action. How can I give an assurance of the sort asked for by the hon. Member? I hope that if the points which prevent the implementation of the award are solved, the Government will immediately proceed in the matter."

Opening of a channel on the right side of the South Pennar.

* 493 *Q.*—SRI K. PARTHASARATHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal for opening a channel on the right side of the South Pennar river under the Sathanur Scheme;

(*b*) whether any investigation has been made; and

(*c*) if so, with what result?

THE HON RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) to (*c*) A suggestion for the investigation of a channel on the right side of the proposed Sathanur Reservoir Project is under consideration."

Increase in the salary of elementary school teachers.

* 494 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether school teachers are entitled to be paid enhanced salaries under the new Elementary Education Scheme?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Expert Committee on the Modified Scheme has recommended that, within the limits of finance, the best that is possible should be done to give an appropriate increment in the salary of elementary school teachers. The matter is under consideration. I may also bring to the notice of the hon. Member the announcement I made recently with reference to the salary of elementary school teachers."

MR. SPEAKER :—" We can take up the next question also."

* 495 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state— 10-50 a.m.

(*a*) whether the recommendation of the Expert Committee regarding the increase of pay of elementary school teachers has been accepted by the Government;

(*b*) if so, the revised scales of pay;